

BY KANKIN & LEVIN.

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The delinquent tax list appears in this issue for the last time. Next week we will be able to give our readers the usual amount of reading matter.

A Deprivation.

On the fourth of February last, the Island City Savings Bank, of Galveston, was, in the language of the *Galveston News*, "deprived" of \$16,000. The deprivation was brought about in this way: The cashier was called off to attend court, leaving the book-keeper and perhaps other employees of the bank in charge. No one except one of the patrons of the bank visited it during the absence of the cashier, who upon his return missed the money. Suspicion rested upon the "patron" of the bank, who shortly afterwards left for New Orleans. The bank employed a detective to "shadow" him, but nothing was discovered on which to base an arrest. The suspected party returned to Galveston and in an interview with the bank officials protested his innocence. Taken all together, it is a very neat case. The bank will have to suffer its "deprivation" in silence. The *News* is entitled to great credit from the public, for having invented so unique a term as "deprived." It does not grate so harshly on polite ears as robbed. The expression is very neat, and hereafter when an express train is stopped, we shall hear of no more robberies. The express and United States mails will simply be deprived of so many dollars.

More Raiding.

Indians supposed to be Comanches are on a stupendous raid. At Steffen's rancho 60 miles north of Laredo, two herders were killed. Near Dr. Spohn's two herders were also killed, one of them with an arrow. Frank Graves, of San Diego, with a party of sixteen Americans and twenty Mexicans, attacked the band at Fule's rancho, south of Laredo. The Mexicans refused to fight when they reached the Indians. The attack was made by the Americans. Two white boys have been captured and carried off by the Indians. Nine men in all have been killed, and 400 head of horses ran off. No doubt is entertained at army headquarters in San Antonio, that the anti-Diaz party in Mexico have instigated these raids for the purpose of complicating matters with the United States.

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The negroes of Charleston, S. C., have been in a high state of excitement over the expected sailing of the bark *Azor* with the first ship load of emigrants sent to Africa by the Liberator Exodus Association. There was a great disposition on the part of the negroes to go. The custom house officers experienced some difficulty in preventing an overload of passengers. At last, on the 21st inst., the *Azor* was towed out of the harbor and set sail. She carries 250 passengers, about one-fifth of whom are young children. The crew, as well as the passengers, are negroes; the only four white men aboard being the captain and his two mates, and a correspondent of the *News and Courier*, who goes to chronicle the adventures of the colony.

The *Hempstead Courier* calls attention to a very much needed reformation in the administration of the criminal code. There is no provision for the payment of fees or expenses of officers or witnesses, unless the trial results in a conviction. No provision is made for the expenses of sheriff or other officers who may be compelled to travel long distances in the pursuit of fugitives. They have to pay their own expenses and wait the result of the trial before they can be reimbursed.

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The *Galveston Journal of Commerce* says that the sum total pledged the Santa Fe railroad at the recent meetings along the proposed line is \$1,125,000. The company asks for \$3000 per mile, which for the 180 miles from Arcola to Belton, amounts to \$540,000. Representatives of the road are now at work securing subscriptions in fact, which promises to reach in amount nearer the million pledged at the meetings, than to lag at the half million asked for.

So soon as the subscriptions are actually made, the bonds of the company will be hypothecated in New York and the work of construction commenced. In addition to Messrs. Cannon and Hurley, who are now successfully working in Bell county, the company has put Mr. J. F. Elliott, of Galveston, in the field, who left that city on Thursday last. The writer of this knows Mr. Elliott to be a thoroughly practical business man of large experience and liberal views. He will no doubt be of great service to the company.

The citizens of Brenham and this county will be called upon by the committee appointed at the meeting held here on the 3d inst., perhaps, accompanied by an accredited agent of the road. They will be fully prepared to answer any inquiries and explain fully the purposes of the road and the benefits that will accrue to our people by its construction.

In a conversation with some of the gentlemen comprising the railroad party that was here, it was learned that there is a strong probability of the machine shops being located at Brenham, as, on account of the salt water atmosphere at Galveston rusting iron; the shops cannot be satisfactorily operated at that point. Should the shops be located here, they will add largely to our population, and at the same time, make a considerably increased demand for garden truck and country produce generally, to say nothing for the increased demand for goods from merchants and also for dwelling houses. It will also create an inquiry for real estate, and in many other ways, add to the prosperity of our town and the surrounding country.

When the citizens are called upon we have no doubt but that Washington county and the city of Brenham will respond with that characteristic liberality for which they have long been noted.

AN HONEST JURY.

Justice has been meted out to three murderers, at least so far as the verdict of a jury can do so. The *San Antonio Herald* says, for twelve men to bring in a verdict that consigns three fellow men to the gallows, requires more moral heroism than to take a city. The jury that rendered the verdict in the Brazel case was composed of men of more than Roman virtue. Juries are rarely composed of men stern enough to vindicate the law when the death penalty is demanded.

The trouble throughout the State has been that jurors, as a general thing, have either been too tender-hearted or, through sentimentality, have failed to bring in verdicts of murder in the first degree and fix the penalty at death. The man who commits a wilful murder is not entitled to any sympathy at the hands of a jury. A few judicial hangings would do more than anything else to stop the reckless killing that has not only disgraced Texas, but many other States. The trouble heretofore has been that a jury that, even if all were strictly honest, had the moral courage to bring in a verdict and assess the punishment at death. We say with the *Herald*, all honor to the San Antonio jury that dared to do its whole duty. There is no difficulty whatever in sending horse and cow thieves to the penitentiary for terms of ten years, but when it comes to a murder case, the more frequent verdict is guilty of one of the degrees of manslaughter and a sentence of from two to five years in the penitentiary.

EDITORIAL BRIEVITIES.

New potatoes are quoted at \$5 to \$6 per barrel St. Louis. In western Missouri the "new National party" is already termed "a dead duck."

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